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AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

CENSUS DATA SHOW BIG SHIFT

A flood of new residents enticed by jobs has also meant rising construction and housing costs. *Stephanie Yao Long, staff*

The buzzing economy is behind biggest changes in metro area's neighborhoods

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The Portland region's strong rebound from the recession has dramatically reshaped the metro area over the last decade, new Census numbers show, and the stage is set for more growing pains in the years ahead.

The numbers from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, released Thursday, shed new light on how the broad-based economic recovery has affected the region's neighborhoods and cities.

A buzzing economy has attracted a flood of new residents, and few parts of the metro have escaped the resulting population growth.

The metro area's median household income, meanwhile, lagged behind those observed early in the recession. But the impact was uneven, with some neighborhoods seeing big increases in wages.

At the same time, housing costs have climbed across the region, and increasing traffic has lengthened commutes.

"As the economy recovered, we had an influx of population, and our housing and transportation response has not been as flexible as the in-migration," said John Tapogna, the president of Portland-based EcoNorthwest.

"We've fallen behind."

Trends here reflect changes observed over a decade, split into two five-year periods to compensate for small sample sizes. Results from surveys conducted between 2012 and

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Online

Use our interactive graphic to see how the region's population has changed at the Census tract level since 2010. Find it online at **bit.ly/census16**.

Coming Sunday

The Oregonian/OregonLive will break down five of the biggest changes seen in neighborhoods around the metro area, from income growth to decreasing diversity.

U.S. LAWMAKERS' MISCONDUCT

2 resignations and 1 new investigation

Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., said he would resign, falling to a whirlwind of sexual misconduct allegations and evaporating support from his fellow Democrats, on the same day allegations surfaced about two other lawmakers.

Franken: As the former "Saturday Night Live" comedian announced his decision, he fired a defiant parting shot at Republicans. "I of all people am aware that there is some irony in the fact that I am leaving while a man who has bragged on tape about his history of sexual assault sits in the Oval Office, and a man who has repeatedly preyed on young girls campaigns for the Senate with the full support of his party," Franken said.

Rep. Trent Franks: The Arizona Republican, who is among the most conservative members of the House, said he would resign his seat on Jan. 31 after officials learned he had asked two female employees to bear his children as surrogates. He said he regrets that his "discussion of this option and process in the workplace caused distress."

Rep. Blake Farenthold: The House Ethics Committee announced it will have a subcommittee investigate allegations of misconduct by the Texas Republican, expanding its work in light of new information that has surfaced about a 2015 settlement. His former communications director, Lauren Greene, in 2014 accused Farenthold of making sexually charged comments and Farenthold used $84,000 in taxpayer money to settle with her.

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Whitehurst 'rumor' email

A newly released email shows that a Portland Public Schools principal labeled as "rumor" the sexual misconduct complaints by eighth-grade girls against a now disgraced gym teacher. **A8**

SPORTS

Riley heads back to OSU

Following a three-year hiatus, Mike Riley will return as an assistant head coach under Jonathan Smith, reuniting the longtime Beavers head coach with the quarterback he recruited. **B6**

A&E

Portland work of Minor White

Two new exhibits showcasing Portland images dating to 1938 provide a look at the earliest work of one of the most influential photographers of the postwar era. **A&E10**

NATION

Fires scorch California

Destructive windblown fires rake Southern California, shutting down one of the region's busiest freeways, threatening L.A. and scenic mountain towns and causing thousands to flee. **A11**

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